not yet assessed the liabilities of certain other companies of the periods between 1983 to 1987;

(d) if so, what are the names of companies, names of drugs and the periods for which the liabilities are to be assessed; and

(e) what is the reason of delay in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) To the extent information available, there is no liability of M/s. S. G. Pharmaceuticals in respect of bulk drug Xylocaine;

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Assessment of tentative liabilities of the companies due to violation of various provisions of DPCOs and/or because of the Judgements of the Courts has already been completed in a number of cases, while in respect of the remaining cases, all efforts are being made to complete the same as early as possible. In a number of cases, the progress has been hampered on account of non-receipt of data for the entire period. All efforts are being made to effect the recoveries as per law.

Policy on Petrochemicals Industry

2086. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently relaxed the policy with regard to petrochemicals industry by permitting the setting up of petrochemical complexes based on imported naptha; and

(b) if so, whether Government would accord approval to MRPL, Mangalore for setting up a petrochemicals complex adjacent to their refinery ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) The techno-economic aspects, demand-supply situation and availability of feedstock are the main considerations for grant of industrial approvals for setting up petrochemical complexes. The policy has not undergone any change in the recent past in so far as the use of imported naphtha is concerned.

(b) Grant of approval for setting up a petrochemicals complex at Mangalore will also be determined on the considerations indicated above.

Shortage of Staff in Sindri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.

2087. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of staff in lower grades of technical discipline in the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd., Sindri Unit;

(b) if so, the strength of technical staff as per permanent set up and shortage thereof grade-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that many apprentices have been trained in different discipline by the Sindri Unit; and

(d) if so, whether they are not being absorbed against the existing vacancies; if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the Apprentices Act, 1961, apprentices have been trained in different discipline by the Sindri Unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI).

(d) FCI, which has been declared a sick company by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), has surplus manpower and is confronted with a difficult financial situation. In view of this, it has not been possible to absorb any trained apprentices in the company.

Unauthorised Occupation of Land Belonging to Sindri Unit of FCI

2088. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many outsiders and ex-employees have unauthorisedly occupied the land belonging to the Sindri Unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited;

(b) if so, what actions have been taken to vacate the FCI's land at its Sindri Unit and the results thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the land is being occupied unauthorisedly in connivance of the Company's officers; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for such malpractices continuing unabated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) Much of the unauthorised occupation of land belonging to the Sindri Unit of the FCI has been occupied by the inhabitants of the neighbouring villages. The unit mangement has taken recourse to legal action for eviction under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971. First Information Reports have also been lodged with the local police. The eviction orders are executed with the help of the magistracy and the police force.

There has been no connivance of the Company's officers in the unauthorised occupations.

Award of Contract to M/s KCT By Sindri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.

2089. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd., Sindri Unit has awarded contract to M/s. KCT for coal sampling;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the contractor does sampling of the part quantity while the payment is made for total quantity lifted by the F. C. I.;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is 10 per cent to 12 per cent difference in results obtained from loading and unloading point samples; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether the sampling and analysis of coal is not being done departmentally for better quality control; if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) The sampling is done by M/s. KCT on the total quantity of loading on a random basis at the loading points as per detailed protocol agreed between Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL). The samples taken at loading points are analysed separately at laboratories of FCI and BCCL and payments to BCCL are made based on agreed analysis, while in case of any dispute a joint analysis is done for effecting payment. Difference in analysis of samples, taken at loading points by KCT and at unloading point by FCI, in respect of ash content ranges between 5% to 13%.

(d) The analysis of samples obtained from both loading and unloading points is done departmentally. However, sampling from loading points is not feasible departmentally as coal is received from a number of collieries of BCCL spread over wide areas not connected with normal rail/road routes. It is, therefore, useful and economical for FCI to employ organisations specialised in such jobs which are available in the coal fields. The different methods of sampling adopted at loading points and FCI's coal yard (unloading point), the mixing of coal from different collieries at the coal yard, and the time gap between these two samplings, are the main reasons for differences in analysis of samples obtained from loading and unloading points.

Effect of Molasses Decontrol on USER Industries

2090. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the effect of decontrol of molasses on user industry; and

(b) whether it is a fact that due to decontrolling molasses a number of alcohol based units are likely to be closed down if so, the State-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The Molasses Control Order, 1961 was rescinded on 10th June, 1993. It is too early to assess the impact of this measure on the downstream alcohol based chemical industry at present.

Import of Phosphate and Potassium Fertilizers

2091. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of fertilizers imported after deregulation of phosphate and potassium fertilizers; and

(b) the names of importing agencies and the landed costs of these fertilizers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The quantities and landed cost (weighted average) of major fertilizers (viz. Urea, DAP and MOP) imported on Government account during the period from 25-8-92 (when phosphatic and potassic fertilizers were decontrolled) to 30-6-93 are as follow: